UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. Mohr

DATE: September 25, 1964

FROM : C. D. DeLoach

SUBJECT: THE PRESIDENT'S COMMISSION ON THE ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY

At 1:00 p.m. today, Mr. Katzenbach in the Department gave to us two copies of the report on the assassination by captioned Commission. One copy is attached hereto. Mr. Katzenbach asked that one copy be made available to Mr. Hoover.

It should be observed that on page 24 under "Conclusions" it is stated:

> "The Commission has concluded, however, that the FBI took an unduly restrictive view of its role in preventive intelligence work prior to the assassination. A more carefully coordinated treatment of the Oswald case by the FBI might well have resulted in bringing Oswald's activities to the attention of the Secret Service."

This conclusion is based on more detailed data contained in Chapter 8 on page 425. Mr. Katzenbach said the Bureau might give consideration as to how inquiries from news media concerning the content of the report might be issued. He has been told the FBI will "no comment" all inquiries. He said the Department and the FBI has the problem, however, of answering the question, "Has anything been done by the FBI to correct the fault found by the Commission in the above conclusion?" Mr. Katzenbach said we might be thinking about how the FBI would like to have the Department answer whether the FBI has complied with the Commission's recommendations.

Give immediate attention. H

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Mr. Katzenbach said the Director's and Mr. Belmont's testimony will be made available to the public within the next ten days to two weeks and possibly this testimony might answer a great number of the questions.

ACTION: For information

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Enclosure

1 - Mr. Tolson
1 - Mr. Belmont
1 - Mr. Rosen
1 - Mr. Evans
1 - Mr. Sullivan
1 - Mr. Jones

Chapter 8 answers the question

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I want this case fully reviewed as to what this Department did or failed to do in the shortcomings by Gen. Chief Justice Warren. Also, what we have done to plug our gaps. I also want to make certain